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Joseph Corbett Jr.

The FBI has a long history of solving cases using forensic document examination, including the analysis of typewritten ransom notes. One notable case is the kidnapping and murder of Adolph Coors III in 1960. The FBI analyzed the ransom note and determined it was typed on a specific typewriter, which helped link the suspect, Joseph Corbett Jr., to the crime.

In another famous case, the Lindbergh baby kidnapping in 1932, forensic document examiners played a crucial role. The ransom notes were

analyzed for handwriting and typewriting characteristics, which eventually led to the identification and conviction of Bruno Hauptmann.

These cases highlight the importance of forensic document examination in solving crimes, as unique characteristics in typewriting, such as bent key strikes, can provide critical evidence linking suspects to criminal activities.